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Subject: **Draft Awards for 2016 IRWM Planning Grant**

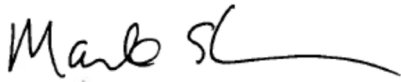
Dear Mr. Daum,

The San Diego Regional Water Management Group (RWMG), representing the San Diego Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Program, sincerely thanks the Department of Water Resources (DWR) for its draft award recommendation of \$250,000 to fund our *San Diego 2016 IRWM Planning Grant Proposal*. This funding will allow the San Diego Region to perform a comprehensive update to its *2013 San Diego IRWM Plan*. The *2017 San Diego IRWM Plan* will be compliant with DWR's *2016 IRWM Guidelines*. Planned updates will include new information to address water quality and climate change regulations, development of a Stormwater Capture Feasibility Study, and expanded definition of economically distressed areas (EDAs) and underrepresented communities (URCs) in the San Diego Region. These updates will help to better identify and prioritize projects designed to improve water supply reliability for the region, reduce dependence on imported water, reduce pollution, address needs of disadvantaged communities and tribes, and restore sensitive habitat areas.

The San Diego RWMG also thanks DWR for the strong evaluation score the San Diego proposal received. The score reflects the importance of updating the Region's *2013 IRWM Plan* and further integrating stormwater planning and EDAs/URCs into the IRWM Plan. We appreciate the continued improvements in clarifying the scoring process, and additional details provided during the application process on how each scoring criterion would be evaluated. Moving forward into future rounds of Proposition 1 IRWM funding, we support and encourage DWR's ongoing efforts at scoring transparency.

Finally, we appreciate the open process taken to funding IRWM planning activities and look forward to continuing to work with DWR in the future to further develop our IRWM program. We appreciate the positive award recommendation and are excited to begin work on updating the San Diego IRWM Plan!

Sincerely,



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San Diego IRWM Program Manager
San Diego County Water Authority

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